



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NURSE ANESTHETISTS WEEK
JANUARY 22-28, 2006

WHEREAS, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are anesthesia specialists who are the hands-on providers of approximately 65 percent of the 26 million anesthetics given to patients each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, CRNAs are essential to North Dakota's healthcare system, providing high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia care for more than 125 years; and

WHEREAS, CRNAs are the sole anesthesia providers in 64 percent of North Dakota's hospitals, affording these medical facilities obstetrical, surgical and trauma stabilization capabilities; and

WHEREAS, CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms; the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists and plastic surgeons; ambulatory surgical centers; and U.S. Military and Public Health Services and Veterans Administration medical facilities; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize these healthcare professionals for their dedication and contributions to enhancing the quality of life for our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim January 22-28, 2006, **NURSE ANESTHETISTS WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State